

Please add new Claims 7-12 as follows.

A2 7. (New) The aqueous carbon-containing unshaped refractory according to claim 4, wherein ultrafine powder having a particle diameter of 10 μm or less occupies 2 to 15% by weight of the remainder of the refractory except for the carbon black material and the β -naphthalenesulfonic acid-formaldehyde condensate sodium salt.

8. (New) The aqueous carbon-containing unshaped refractory according to claim 2, wherein the refractory has an apparent porosity after drying of 13.0% or less.

9. (New) The aqueous carbon-containing unshaped refractory according to claim 3, wherein the refractory has an apparent porosity after drying of 13.0% or less.

10. (New) The aqueous carbon-containing unshaped refractory according to claim 4, wherein the refractory has an apparent porosity after drying of 13.0% or less.

11. (New) The aqueous carbon-containing unshaped refractory according to claim 5, wherein the refractory has an apparent porosity after drying of 13.0% or less.

12. (New) The aqueous carbon-containing unshaped refractory according to claim 7, wherein the refractory has an apparent porosity after drying of 13.0% or less.

IN THE ABSTRACT

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A3 An aqueous carbon-containing unshaped refractory including a refractory material composed of 50 to 80% by weight of refractory aggregate having a particle diameter of greater than 45 μm and 20 to 50% by weight of fine powder having a particle diameter of 45 μm or less, wherein 15 to 60% by weight of the fine powder is a carbon black material of pH